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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 00-1156)

In re the Application of:

Blomme

Application No.: 09/674,258

Filing Date: February 2, 2001

For: **Suturing Means for Connecting
a Tubular Vascular Prosthesis..., and
a Vascular Prosthesis System**

Examiner: Nerbun, Peter P.

Art Unit: 3765

Confirmation No.: 5033

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time from July 30, 2003 to October 30, 2003 with which to file a response to Office Action mailed April 30, 2003. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor. A check for \$475.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the expense of filing a petition under 37 CFR § 1.117(a)(3).

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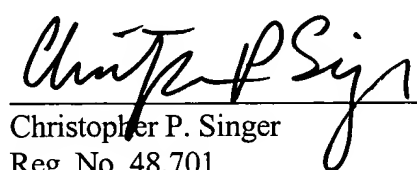
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 10/30/2003


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